

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
**Emergency Condition Notification Form**

**Date:** June 13, 2011

**Update Time:** 7:00 PM (MDT)

**Facility Affected:** Fresno Reservoir

**River(s) Affected:** Milk River

**Organizations Receiving this Notification:**

Hill County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point

Blaine County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point

Fort Belknap Reservation Tribal Police

Chairman, Tribal Emergency Response Committee – Fort Belknap Reservation

Phillips County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point

Valley County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point

National Weather Service, Great Falls

National Weather Service, Glasgow

Montana State Disaster and Emergency Services, Helena

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha

Bureau of Reclamation – Great Plains Regional Office

**1. Condition Description**

Streamflows in the Milk River Basin continue to remain at high levels. Inflows into Fresno Reservoir appear to have peaked from the storms events of last week, resulting in lower inflows and a reservoir elevation of 2577.87. As storm runoff decreases, un-gated spillway releases from Fresno Reservoir are expected decrease as well.

In accordance with the Fresno Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP), spillway releases greater than 2,000 cfs keeps Fresno Dam at an elevated response level requiring notifications to downstream authorities and affected agencies. **This is only a result of spillway releases exceeding 2,000 cfs. There are no dam safety related conditions or concerns with Fresno Dam.**

Below are the current conditions as of 4:00 p.m. June 13, 2011.

- Elevation = 2577.87
- Storage = 107,856 acre-feet
- Inflow (12-hr avg) = 2,980 cfs
- Discharge = 3,250 cfs

**2. Potential River Levels and Times of Arrival**

Upstream river stations continue to remain high from recent storm events, but are starting to recede. The un-gated spillway releases at Fresno Dam still currently exceed 3000 cfs, but are expected to start receding over the next several days.

### **3. Actions Taken by Reclamation**

Reclamation continues to monitor river levels both upstream and downstream of Fresno Reservoir, as well at conditions at Fresno Reservoir and will issue further notifications as conditions warrant.

### **4. Actions Expected of Downstream Agencies**

Flows in excess of 3,000 cfs on the Milk River below Fresno Dam are expected for the next day. Downstream agencies should take these flows into account combined with existing downstream tributary flows entering the Milk River and notify landowners who occupy low lying areas subject to potential flooding. Strongly encourage property owners to take appropriate actions.

### **5. For Additional Information**

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